

MINUTES
Of the
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
-of-
Itawamba County Association

Held With
NEW HOME CHURCH, OCTOBER 9-10, 1924

Introductory Sermon by
REV. J. C. GRAHAM

Member State Mission Board
A. J. DARLING

OFFICERS
A. T. CLEVELAND, Fulton, Moderator
D. W. GRAHAM, Eastman, Clerk and Treasurer

The Next Session Will Convene With
UNION GROVE CHURCH

Oct. 8-9, 1925

PROCEEDINGS.

First Day

The fourth annual session of the Itawamba County Association convened with New Home church Thursday, October 9th, 1924.

Association called to order 10 a. m. Opening exercises; Moderator read Psalm 103, Eld. G. W. Guntharp leading in prayer. Bro. T. A. Burch was appointed clerk pro tem, the clerk not having arrived.

Brethren C. W. Graham, J. T. Stephens, and C. E. Spencer were appointed committee on finance. Brothers O. N. Robinson and R. V. Wheeler were appointed reading clerks.

The Moderator called for letters from the churches. Letters from the following churches were read and messengers names enrolled to-wit:

Fulton—J. E. Burch, Dew Davis, and B. F. Chilcoat; Alternate, S. T. Brown.

Union Grove—Clopton Wallace, W. T. McNiece, and Ellis Welch.

Providence—G. O. Parker, J. S. Jones,, and W. B. Hopkins; Alternate, G. F. Wilson.

Bethany—A. M. Graham, J. D. Underwood, and Eld. J. F. Benson; Alternate, W. T. Les-senberry.

Salem—M. T. Waddle, O. N. Robinson, and H. S. Williams; Alternate, C. S. Beam.

Fairview—Lee Graham, S. Mayhall, and D. W. Graham; Alternate, C. W. Graham.

New Home—R. V. Wheeler, T. Burch, and C. E. Spencer; Alternate, W. P. Wallace.

Mt. Pisgah—H. R. Bowen, T. L. Lunceford, and J. Y. Bowen; Alternate, W. A. Smith.

Eld. G. A. Conwill was seated as delegate from Hopewell without letter. Eld. W. T. Miller and Bros. J. D. Hickenbottom and J. J. Stevens were

seated from Pleasant Ridge without letters.

The following visitors were recognized; Eld. A. M. Nix, J. O. and G. W. Guntharp from Tishomingo County Association and Eld. C. S. Raburn from Judson Association.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock for introductory sermon. The preacher previously appointed for this service, Eld. A. J. Darling, read John 15 for introductory lesson. Text; Exodus, 22, 17. Theme; Fruit Bearing, a masterful sermon exhorting God's people to duty. Eld. J. O. Guntharp closed the service with prayer. Adjourned for refreshments to 1 p. m.

Afternoon Session

After a call to order by moderator, a motion by J. F. Benson was adopted reelecting A. T. Cleveland, Moderator. and D. W. Graham, Clerk and Treas. Eld's A. J. Darling and J. A. Conwill were appointed as committee on committees. Eld. J. F. Benson, and Bro's W. B. Hopkins and W. T. Lessenberry with deacons of New Home church were appointed devotional committee, which reported that Eld. A. M. Nix preach at 7 p. m.; Eld. J. D. Guntharp, alternate.

The committee on committees reported the following:

Committee on Missions—Eld. A. J. Darling, Chairman.

Committee on Christian Education—D. W. Graham, Chairman.

Committee on Social Service—O. N. Robinson, Chairman.

Committee on Nominations—J. A. Conwill, W. B. Hopkins, and Wm. M. Chaffin.

Committee on Fraternal Dead—Clop Wallace, W. T. Miller, and C. S. Bean.

Committee on Destitutions—J. F. Benson, J. C. Graham, and J. J. Stevens. The present execu-

tive was retained for the year.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

In bringing this report we have limited our discussion to missions within the association, missions within the state, and missions among Southern Baptist on the foreign fields.

I. MISSIONS WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION

Special emphasis is given to missions within the association. The churches which comprise this association have great responsibilities, as well as great possibilities, in considering the welfare of each other. No church can stand aloof from other churches and perform her whole mission. Churches of Jesus Christ are truly independent bodies but they are just as truly interdependent, therefore we are "labourers together for Christ Jesus our Lord". May we not put forth an effort in his name to build up his cause within our bounds, and win the lost to Him.

II. MISSIONS WITHIN THE STATE

The mission work within the state has made good progress during the year, the pastors and churches and all the working forces of the denomination in the state have rendered splendid service and the various causes have made great strides forward.

1. The 75 Million Campaign.

The committee would call attention to the importance of paying our pledges to the campaign, in doing so Itawamba Co. Baptist will have a part in sending the gospel to the utter most parts of the earth.

2. Sunday School Work.

Our secretary, sends out the following message to the associations concerning the Sunday School

Work in the state for the year:

Number of Sunday Schools in the state 1,301
Schools organized this year 144 Number enrolled
in Sunday Schools 120,146 Increase this year
24,296 Number of awards given this year 4,167
Number of blue seals given this year 116 Red
seals 336 Number of diplomas given this year
1,227 The Sunday School Department now has
two young men employed for full time, working
with the country churches. These Brethren are
W. R. Hunter and H. E. Spell. They are both
graduates of Mississippi College and are well
qualified for the work for which they have been
chosen.

3. Woman's Missionary Union.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi during this associational period is most interested in the completion of the Campaign. During the four years preceding the Campaign Mississippi women gave to the objects for which the Campaign stands only \$191,335,26. The sum given to the Campaign for the five years is \$15,650,00. The W. M. U. will work with a mind to complete what they have begun.

4. Baptist Young Peoples Union.

Marvelous things are being done in our state for our young people. The B. Y. P. U. trains the young people in the service of our Master as nothing else can do; their motto "saved to serve" is a great one, and should be the slogan of every adult also in the state.

III. MISSIONS BEYOND THE STATE

1. Home Missions.

The Home Mission Board, notwithstanding its burdesome debt presents a wonderful outlook for the future. The Boards work for the last five

years are as follow's Sermons preached 802,-382; prayer meetings 101,075; religious visits 1,238,210; baptisms 203,532; additions to churches 324,086; volunteers for christian service 15,049; church houses built or improved 2,225; bibles given away 55,533; religious tracts distributed 35,812,479.

2. Foreign Mission.

We have in our foreign mission fields 1,095 churches in which are enrolled 111,872 members. We note that our Foreign Mission Board sent out 54 new missionaries during this year, bringing the total of our foreign missionaries up to 544. We still need 229 others this year. Our native working force now numbers 2,494. These men and women are doing a great work among their own people for the Master.

We have 860 schools of all grades, in which were enrolled this year 35,106 students. The crown of all our school work is our Bible schools which now number 17, in these schools are being trained 416 young preachers. Our medical missionaries are doing a great work, we have 19 of them that are from the States, besides 48 native workers. These have treated 294,422 patients during the year. Thus ends one of the greatest years work for the Lord that Southern Baptist have ever accomplished. To Him be the glory forever, A-Men.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Darling, Chairman.

Discussed by A. J. Darling, A. M. Nix, C. S. Raburn, and J. A. Conwill. Adopted as written.

Adjournment was had to 8:30 a. m. Friday, Eld. J. F. Benson leading the closing prayer.

Rev. A. M. Nix delivered the 7:30 p. m. sermon. Scripture lesson Matt. 15, 1-29. Theme:

Miraculous Power of God. It was a great sermon showing God's power to keep souls intrusted to his care and an appealing entreaty to the lost to come to Christ.

SECOND DAY

8:30 a. m.: Song, "More About Jesus." Devotional, 1st John 3. Opening prayer by W. T. Miller.

Report on Christian Education.

The most important and powerful agencies of our denomination are our schools and colleges. If we have effective and intelligent work, if we make great and permanent conquests for our Lord, we must have trained leadership. Baptist leadership in world movements is improbable without our Baptist schools and Colleges. Too much emphasis cannot be given to the importance of patronizing and supporting our Baptist institutions of learning.

Mississippi College was founded in 1826 and came under Baptist control in 1850. The history of this old college is a glorious page in Baptist annals. 85 of our choicest young men and women were in the graduating class last year. The enrollment last year 416 regular college students and 206 during the summer term, total enrollment 522. \$15,000 was spent in general improvements last year. They have an Al Sunday School with an average attendance of 485. Mississippi College is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. There are six college B. Y. P. U's. Eight men during the session answered the call to preach. A glorious record of intelligent advancement of the Master's Kingdom.

Mississippi Woman's College. The Woman's College began its work 12 years ago. They now have 35 Faculty members, 8 buildings, and a campus of 40 acres. At Richmond, Va., last year, the Woman's College was placed on the second list of schools and colleges. Her graduates now have the privilege of teaching in any of the High Schools of the country.

Blue Mountain College. This college began her 52nd annual session on Sept. 17th. She is better prepared than ever before to give necessary conveniences and thorough training. Last year this college was placed on the 2nd list of Southern Association Colleges and Secondary Schools. This means that graduates of this college can secure professional license to teach in all the public schools in the state of Mississippi for life.

Clark's Memorial College. Clark's College is our co-education Junior college. Four years of accredited high school and four year's of college work are offered. Brother and sister can attend this college together, studying side by side eventually retaining that much home influence in their college life. A standard Y. W. A. is maintained during the session. B. Y. P. U. made an average of 99 4-5. A splendid course in Bible study is given here. A new \$50,000 fire proof structure is being constructed.

Hillman College, private school founded by Baptists and endorsed by the Baptist State Convention, is located in the center of Baptist influences. Tuition is free to wives and daughters of Baptist preachers. It is a strong denominational asset and worthy of our prayers and patronage.

°South Wide Institutions—Mississippi Baptists

help to support and maintain three great south wide institutions of learning. They are the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans, La., the Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex., and the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky. There were over 1200 of our choicest young men and women in these institutions last year preparing for definite christian service at home and abroad.

Conclusion—The Baptist position in the christian army twenty years hence will largely depend upon the care and loyalty of Baptist people to their schools and institutions of learning.

Submitted, D. W. Graham, Chairman.

Discussed by D. W. Graham, T. W. Greene, A. T. Cleveland, A. J. Darling, J. F. Benson, W. O. Thornley, and A. M. Nix.

Devotional committee reported that Eld. T. W. Green, enlistment man for 1st district preach at 11 a. m.

The following visitors were recognized: Elds. W. O. Thornley, D. R. Raper and F. Hobson; Bros. A. J. Morris, and W. M. Gillentine; and sisters, M. L. Morris and Fannie Riggs all from the Judson Association.

11 a. m. Sermon. Eld. T. W. Green, Scripture lesson, Phil. 25. Theme: The Mind of Christ Jesus, a great sermon interpreting the mind of Jesus as applied to our present work that will be long remembered by these who were present.

Afternoon session. Immediately after the house was called to order, the report on christian education was adopted. Then followed the report on social service.

Report on Social Service.

Under social service are the agencies that seek

to deal with crime, disease, etc. In dealing with these let us use preventatives—sanitation. law enforcement, correctives, relief measures, orphan's homes, hospitals, etc. Let us consider and support our social service institutions, which are as follows:

The orphanage at Jackson, Miss., J. R. Carter, Supt., was established 25 years ago and has cared for more than 1,000 children. We have had an average of 170 children there during the year. The health of the children has been good no deaths and only a few cases of sickness. The crops has been greatly damaged by the dry weather. Finances are unusually short. The home has had to borrow \$2,000.00 and will likely have to borrow \$2,000 or \$3,000 more unless we come up promptly with our pledges to the 75 million campaign. We have had an unusual number of applications for the last few weeks and it looks now as if we will have to run to full capacity next year.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital. Their report for this year is as follows:

No. patients treated, 1,850.

No. Charity patients, 188.

Cost of running hospital, \$66,175.64.

Cost of treating charity, \$6,245.55.

Value of Hospital and nurses' home, \$225,000.-00.

Amount of indebtedness not including interest, \$51,063.40.

Capacity of hospital, 75 beds.

No. nurses in training, 28.

No. operating rooms, 3.

No. X-Ray machines, 3.

No. physicians and surgeons on staff, 26.

The Relief and Annuity board has had a little more than five years of actual functioning. In

the meantime, it has paid to its old and retired preachers, \$538,944.96. The board paid out during the past year to its regular beneficiaries, the sum of \$125,449.60, which is \$12,000.00 in excess of what we paid them last year.

Southern Baptists should deal with the Relief and Annuity Board in the most liberal manner possible, and should see that a program is provided by which it can go on and accumulate at least five millions of interest bearing funds, and then to its higher goal of ten million.

Southern Baptists have reached a point in Ministerial Relief work when they should adopt the following new slogan: A pension for every baptist minister and from every church a full share of the cost.

It is so easy for us to forget the part the minister plays in our lives. If we could keep before us constantly and in mind, it would not be difficult for us to do what we should in this great matter.

O. N. Robinson.

Discussed by O. N. Robinson, Eld. Green, G. S. Raburn, J. O. Guntharp, and W. O. Thornley, Adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations—We recommend as follows:

1. That this association meet with the Union Grove church at its next session. Eld. J. C. Graham to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. W. T. Miller, alternate.
2. That Rev. A. J. Darling be chosen by this body to represent us on the State Board.
3. That this body be represented at the state convention by Eld. W. T. Miller.
4. That Rev. J. A. Conwill represent us at the southern Baptist convention.

Submitted, J. A. Conwill, Chairman.

Recommendations were adopted.

RESOLUTON OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the people of New Home and vicinity for their gracious hospitality, for their noble and generous kindness. May God bless you and when we meet again in annual reunion at Union Grove next year, may we be proud of the record that you have made during the year in our Master's work.

Submitted,

Clerk.

Adopted.

A song was sung. Eld. Green lead the closing prayer, the parting hand was clasped and the association adjourned to meet with Union Grove church, October 8-9, 1925.

Left Out Statistical Table.

Fulton church has 2 B. Y. P. U's. with 61 enrolled; 2 W. M. U. organizations with \$5.00 contribution reported. Fulton also paid \$117 to the 75 Million campaign and has a pastor's home valued at \$2500.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRA-
TERNAL DEAD.**

As we meet in happy reunion, our hearts are sad because of the vacant places made by the going home of some of our members but as it is appointed unto man once to die and after death the judgement, we bow our heads in submission to God's Will.

THE DEPARTED ARE:

Fairview—Sister Ella Jones and Sister Nancy Martin.

Mt. Pisgah—Sister Mattie Lunceford.

Salem—Bro. T. C. Cleveland.

May God grant us strength and courage to battle until He calls us home.

Submitted, W. T. Miller and C. S. Beam.

CLERK AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS

From Former Treasurer	\$16.29
For Minute Fund	16.29
Total	\$29.84

EXPENDITURES

To Printing Minutes	\$29.00
Balance in Bank	.84
Bal. due on Minutes	3.50

Submitted,
D. W. Graham,
Sec. & Treas.

The Committee on Finance reported Minute Fund, \$21.55.

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CHURCH DIRECTORIES.

CHURCHES	When Constituted	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERK AND POSTOFFICES	Regular Days
Bethany	1845	Holley, F. M., Hamilton, Ala	Graham, A. M., Clay	4 S.
Fairview	1910	Graham, J. C., Eastman	Graham, D. W., Eastman	1 S.
Fulton		Darling, A. J., Fulton	Cleveland, A. T., Fulton	1 S. & 3 S.
Mt. Pisgah	1880	Darling, A. J., Fulton	Bowen, J. Y., Fulton, R. T.	1 & 2 Sun
New Home		Benson, J. F., Clay	Wheeler, R. V., Clay	4 "
Providence		Holley, F. M., Hamilton, Ala	Parker, G. O., Tremont	2 "
Salem	1886	Graham, J. C., Eastman	Williams, H. S., Eastman	4 "
Union Grove		A. J. Darling, Fulton	Farrar, T. B., Fulton	4 S.

No Report: Antioch, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant
Grove, Shiloh. Zion, Mt. Moriah, and Liberty
Grove. Represented without Letter: Pleasant
Ridge and Hopewell

CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

CHURCHES

Baptisms.

Total Mem.

No. S. S.

Enrolled in S. S.

Home Purposes
Contributions.

Total
Contributions

Value of
Church Property

Bethany	15	104	1	61	79.60	79.60	500.00
Fairview	3	102	1	72	93.48	93.48	750.00
Fulton	16	139	1	182	2717.50	2834.50	6000.00
Mt. Pisgah	16	59			94.25	94.25	
New Home		63			9.75	9.75	
Providence		74			62.95	62.95	1500.00
Salem	5	139	1	56	105.60	105.60	100.00
Union Grove	17	80	1	100	153.45	153.45	1500.00
Total	72	760	5	471	3316.58	3433.58	10350.00
Total Last Year					1198.57	1382.67	9800.00



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